

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A photoprocessing management system for managing photoprocessing services, comprising:
 - a. a computer for processing data with respect to a customer;
 - b. means for filling an image order for said customer and associating a charge to said customer for filling of said image order; and
 - c. automatically assigning credit on behalf of said customer ~~based on a predetermined criteria.~~
 2. A photoprocessing management system according to claim 1 wherein said automatically assigned credit on behalf of said customer is updated by said computer for each of a plurality of said image orders.
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 3. A photoprocessing management system according to claim 1 wherein said image order comprises printing of images on a roll of photographic film.
 4. A photoprocessing management system according to ~~claim 1 wherein said image order comprises scanning of hard copy images~~
 5. A photoprocessing management system according to claim 4 wherein said hard copy images are provided on photographic film.
 - ✓ 6. A photoprocessing management system according to claim 5 wherein said ~~photographic~~ film comprises a roll of film.
 7. A photoprocessing management system according to claim 1 wherein said image order comprises the storage of images in a memory storage device.

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processing management system. The system is designed to meet the following criteria:

- 1. The system shall be able to process all of photographic film.
- 2. The system shall be able to process all of unprintable images are

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14. A method according to claim 12 wherein said predetermined criteria comprises comparing the number of images said image retaining device was designed to capture with the number of printable images on said processed image retaining device.

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15. A method according to claim 14 wherein said credit comprises keeping track as to the number of images that are printable for said customer for said image retaining device that is sent to said processing lab and forwarding to said customer a token when a predetermined credit criteria is reached.

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13 16. A method according to claim 15 wherein said predetermined credit criteria comprises reaching a predetermined number of unprintable images.

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14 17. A method according to claim 16 wherein said token comprises sending said customer a roll of photographic film.

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18. A method according to claim 17 wherein said roll of film contains the same number of potential exposures of images equal to the number of printable images.

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16 19. A method according to claim 18 wherein said token comprises sending said customer a coupon toward the purchase of a product.

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20. A computer software product that when placed in a computer will cause the computer to do the steps of:
a. processing data with respect to a customer;
b. keeping track of a customer order having an image retaining device capable of retaining a predetermined number of images;

c. automatically determining the number of printable images on said processed image retaining device; and

d. automatically crediting said customer for said unprintable images in accordance with a predetermined criteria.

21. A method for processing images on an image retaining device, comprising the steps of:

a. scanning an image retaining device of a customer, said image retaining device capable of retaining a predetermined number of images and associating a charge to said customer;

b. automatically determining the number of printable images obtained from said scanning; and

c. automatically crediting said customer for said unprintable images scanned in accordance with a predetermined criteria.

22 A method for processing digital images provided by a customer, comprising the steps of:

a. storing a plurality of digital image files provided by a customer and associating charge for said storing to said customer;

b. automatically determining the number of printable images from said stored digital images; and

c. automatically crediting said customer for said unprintable images stored in accordance with a predetermined criteria.

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